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"Y" Membership Drive Lags; $14,000 Needed

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With only three other report meetings ahead, the YMCA membership campaign has dropped far behind its expected quota.

At last night's meeting, workers dropped in at a very slow pace while many reports seemed in line with the spirit of workers.

The Republicans led the Democrats last night. The GOP came across with $1,203.75. The Democrats raised only $676.75. Total for last night's report meeting $1,880.50. — Total to date is only $10,818.21.

An amount of $14,000 is needed before next week-end if the campaign is to reach a successful end.

Campaign chairman Joseph T. Bickers pleaded with workers last night not to let him down in this "most worthy campaign for the YMCA."

"Many of us here haven't even paid our own memberships," he said. "How can we expect people to contribute when some of us here haven't shown the full spirit."

Last night's reports were interrupted frequently by arguments from both parties. They were friendly arguments. One worker said:

"These arguments sound very much like those you hear at the National Democratic Conventions."

Most of last night's spirit came from a boys' singing group from John Hope School under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Strayhan, sister to the campaign chairman.

Mrs. Strayhan's group gave several numbers, finally arousing the campaign workers to a higher spirit of interest.

The largest report last night was made by a group from College Park under the leadership of Mrs. Willie Florence Arnold. Mrs. Arnold reported $310.75. She represented the Republicans. The next highest amount came from W. L. Calloway, also Republican. His report was $270.00.

A youngster, little John McDay, Jr., really set things in motion when he reported $25.00. The youngster had three memberships which netted this amount.

Two citations were given workers. They went to Harry Hudson and Roger Henderson.

In addition to the regular YMCA membership drive, the Y's Ben Club is sponsoring a special project, a star studded after Easter Jamboree to be held at the Waluhaje Apartments Thursday, April 12.

The project is being given for the benefit of the YMCA membership drive.

The program will be built around some of Atlanta's top talent.

John Boone is president of the Y's Men Club.

Memberships for the Butler Street YMCA go to help provide a place of recreation for thousands of boys who otherwise would not have any place to play. The YMCA also conducts a Boys' Camp each summer. This camp provides wholesome recreation and educational outlet for thousand of youngsters.

THE REV. L. W. BOTTOMS
To speak here Monday

Chestnut Street Y Campaign Opens Monday

Courier-Journal
Thurs 3-22-56
Louisville Ky.

The Rev. Lawrence W. Bottoms, former pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church here, will speak at the 7 p.m. Monday dinner opening the membership campaign of the Chestnut Street Branch Y.M.C.A. The dinner will be at 920 W. Chestnut. The drive for 2,500 members ends April 26.

Mr. Bottoms now is associate secretary of the division of negro work, Presbyterian Church, U. S., Atlanta. Last summer he was one of the members of the Presbyterian world missions board who traveled in Brazil, Africa, and Portugal, visiting mission stations.

Eugene S. Clayton is general chairman of the membership drive.

A Fair Beginning

'Demos' Lead 'GOPs' In First YMCA Report

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The "Democrats" in the present YMCA membership drive got off to an enthusiastic beginning last night when they raised $2,693.00 while the "Republicans" trailed by $1,710.71.

Grand total for last night's efforts ran $4,403.71. The "Democrats" started off the campaign with a lead of almost a thousand dollars.

The biggest report for last night came from William Colloway captain of team number-one for the 'Republicans." The GOP lead in attendance but not in number of membership and money.

The next highest amounts came from Professor C. L. Gideons. He reported $639.00 The next highest amount $622.00 from R. O. Sutton.

Alex Harvey of the "Republicans" reported $500 even.

The drive caught fire from the very beginning last night when the two parties nominated their respective candidates for the office of "president."

They were: Jesse Hill, Jr. division manager for the "Republicans" and E. S. D'Antignac for the "Democrats."

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Campaign managers and supporters from both sides of the campaign predicted a winner.

Campaign chairman Joseph Bickers pleaded for a report of at least $5,000 last night due to the Easter Holiday week-end. The campaign goal has been set for $24,000. Workers have until April 14th to raise a little more than $20,000.

At the kick-off meeting on Friday, workers turned out in large attendance the largest they say in YMCA campaign history. Some of the people, present last Friday However, captains and workers present predicted a successful campaign would be in effect long before the drive ends on April 14th.

The next report meting will be held on Monday, April 2 at which time campaign chairman Joseph Bickers is expected to have in the neighborhood of about half of his goal.

The Butler Street YMCA is a community organization serving the people of Atlanta 365 days a year on a 24 hours per day basis.

White Plains Y. M. C. A. to Unite Main Unit and All-Negro Branch

Times New York
Thurs. 5-17-56
P. 33-C

Special to The New York Times.

WHITE PLAINS, May 16—This suburban city of 47,320 white persons and 4,680 Negroes moved another step toward racial integration today. The directors of the Young Men's Christian Association voted to merge a branch that has only Negro members into the Main "Y" which consists chiefly of white members.

The main building is a large stone structure on Mamaroneck Avenue, near fashionable shops and the social center of the city. Built in 1928, it has a swimming pool, gymnasiums, meeting rooms, lounges and a 120-bed dormitory. Six Negroes are among the roomers.

When the building was opened, some leaders felt that "Negroes won't fit in here," so a small branch on Martine Avenue, in a slum area a half-mile away, was opened. However, Negroes never were excluded from the main building.

In 1947 the branch was moved to an old synagogue building on Fisher Avenue, near Negro tenaments. A Negro is in charge. Some Negro leaders call it a "Jim Crow Y. M. C. A."

Fred R. Bentley, general secretary of the "Y," said an interracial membership had been wanted at the branch but that generally only Negroes joined. The membership has dwindled to fifteen adults and twenty-five boys, all Negroes. The board of managers is made up of five Negroes and ten white persons. They asked for the merger.

The main "Y" lists 700 men and 1,200 boys, including a few Negroes. The thirty directors include two Negroes.

Mr. Bentley said the Fisher Avenue branch had cost $56,000 and would be sold. But he asserted that integration, not economy, was the goal.

Alfred D. Wolff Jr., president of the "Y," said a new $170,000 pool, camp and recreation area being established by the White Plains organization on King Street in Greenwich, Conn., would be completely interracial. The thirty-acre center will be opened next month.

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B'ham, Ala.

ACIPCO EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE $1,200.00 for 600 Boys' "Y" membership. The center view shows R. E. Bolden, secretary of the Acipco YMCA and the Auxiliary Board presenting a check for $1,200.00 for 600 boys' memberships to Dr. R. M. Howard, chairman of the fifth annual YMCA membership drive. Seated in the wheel chair is E. W. Barker, "Y" executive secretary, who was injured in a traffic accident, with W. W. Whetstone, city school principal, behind him. To the right of Dr. Howard is James B. Whitehead, desk secretary of the Acipco "Y" and W. C. Matherson, city school principal who is serving as co-chairman of the 18th Street Branch YMCA membership campaign. Campaign workers who held a report meeting last night are seeking 1,800 members. William Ray is chairman of the Acipco Auxiliary Board while Charles A. Avery is co-chairman.

Dr. Howard announced that at the second membership report meeting of the "Y" campaign over $1600.00 was turned in. He said this brought the over-all total to approximately $2,500.00.

Wichita Falls 'Y' Boys Attend Camp

WICHITA FALLS, Texas. — Six boys from the newly organized branch YMCA attended five weeks of camping at Camp Pinkston, a Dallas, YMCA camp. The following named boys stayed the entire camping season: Jessie Bogan, Chauncey Bogan, James, Ronald and William Wheeler and Jerome Taylor.

The boys, elated over their camping experiences, recommends to all boys, camping. Their many activities consisted of swimming, hiking, crafts, boating, table games, fishing, cook outs, softball and many others.

Camp Pinkston provided supervision and adult counselors for every eight boys. Each counselor took a personal interest in each boy and helped them to help themselves through participation with others.

Thomas G. Ward, director of the camp, expressed his appreciation for having served these boys from Wichita Falls. It was a rich experience to both the boys and the counselors and will prove itself in the growth of these youth.

Their parents visited while the boys were in camp and were impressed by the facilities and program provided by the camp. The parents and boys enjoyed a family swim at the Moorland branch YMCA before leaving camp.

The East Wichita Falls branch YMCA was organized December 18, 1955 at which time the office and game room was opened to its members. The branch YMCA is attempting to provide activities in which the individual can:

Practice democratic living in a wide variety of activities;

Develop leadership at different age and responsibility levels;

Engage in community service activities;

Educate for world citizenship;

Emphasize that people count most;

Challenge the development of a Christian faith;

Provide for the wholesome use of leisure time;

Train for citizenship in a democratic government and society.

Dr. F. D. Leffall, chairman of the committee of management, East Wichita Falls branch YMCA stated, "that in order to accomplish these goals, the board recognizes, that it will take a great deal of time and hard work. The committee dedicated themselves toward the accomplishment of these goals."

Roosevelt Johnson, executive secretary, reports, "after seven months operation of the branch more than 400 boys between the ages of 8 and 17 have participated over 27,000 times in YMCA activities. With limited facilities, the boys have had many experiences that will help develop them and enhance growth."

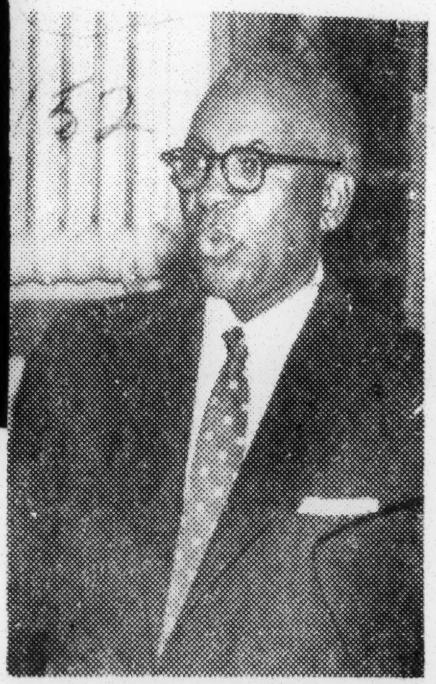
Game room activity consisted of table games, ping pong, and meetings designed to promote self-expression and fellowship. This branch was organized to help the youth in Wichita Falls.

Not One In Dixie

72 PERCENT OF YMCAs REPORTED INTEGRATED

Daily World P. 1
Sun. 10-23-56 Atlanta, Ga.

More than 72 per cent of all North American YMCAs have been integrated on all levels, since the movement started about 10 years ago, said Leo Marsh, Director of Inter-Cultural Relations in the program services of the national council of the Young Men's Christian Association.



LEO MARSH

There was about 18 per cent of the Ys with some degree of integration when the transition started in 1946. But, "we do not have any integration at any level in the South or Southwest areas," said the speaker.

"However, the national movement toward complete integration on the membership and professional staff levels has resulted in the loss of both lay members and staff workers," continued Marsh.

"We must make sure we don't suffer further loss of Negro secretaries and lay members in breaking down racial segregation. Already 15 branch Ys, primarily Negro, have been closed. Negro members and staff were not absorbed in the transition, said Marsh, who was addressing the Annual Fall Planning Conference of the Butler Street YMCA 22 Butler Street, N. E., Sunday afternoon.

72 PERCENT

"We are working in the area of $125 millions yearly which is spent in 1,800 branches with an estimated three million membership. There are about 300,000 board of director members, 4,000 executive branch secretaries, of that number 219 are Negro, with 110 branches serving Negroes. We have about 3,800 Negro board members, but less than 50 are serving on any national, area or state boards, said Marsh.

MOST UNIQUE BRANCH

While praising the progress of the Butler Street branch, Marsh pointed out that "this branch is the most unique Y in North America, serving non-whites, which can approve a program without the endorsement of a central board of directors."

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During a luncheon session recommendations were advanced to seek approximately $122,000 in a Capital Fund Campaign.

Two members of the board of directors at the Y, were awarded the 1000-membership pin.

They were T. M. Alexander, president of the board for 15 years; and Alex Harvey. The pins are awarded to volunteer campaign workers who have obtain 1,000 memberships or solicited $10,000 over a period of years. The only other member at the branch who has ever won the award is A. T. Walden, who presented the pins to Alexander and Harvey. Jesse Hill Jr., is chairman of the Emblem Club, which recommends the awards

Music throughout the session was supplied by the Butler Street Chorus and soloists Sandford Harper Miss Vera O'Neal and Henry Ruffin.

Theme of the conference was "Planning For The Future Through Service To Youth."

Presiding at the luncheon session was T. M. Alexander and at the 3:30 P. M. session was M. R. Austell, chairman of the program committee, who was chairman of the conference. Mrs. A. W. Bryan was co-chairman.

Warren Cochran is executive secretary of the branch.

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VETERAN Y MEMBERS INSPECT 1909 CARD.—Two of the veteran members of the Paseo branch Y.M.C.A. are shown here inspecting a membership card issued in 1909 to Randolph Wisdom, the first boy member of the branch. Seated, left to right, are Dr. J. E. Perry, one of the founders of the Paseo branch, and Mr. [illegible] since 1909. Standing are, left to right, Girard T. Bryant, general chairman of the 1956 membership campaign, and Frank "Doc" Kelker, executive secretary of the Paseo branch. The annual membership drive began Wednesday, Jan. 11, when 300 workers started work to attain a goal of $15,000.

State Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y To Hear Dr. Crockett

MONTGOMERY, Ala. —(SNS)— Dr. R. D. Crockett, of the department of education, Alabama State College, is scheduled to deliver the keynote speech at the two-day annual Alabama State Hi-Y and Tri-Y Conference opening on the ASC campus today. Levert Hedgmon, conference president, was scheduled to preside.

Speakers listed for the afternoon session include Hugh E. Robinson of Atlanta, Ga., associate secretary, Southern Area Council YMCA; Dr. H. Councill Trenholm ASC president and Sonrose Rutledge Gwendolyn Jenkins, conference vice-president, was slated to preside.

Four panel speakers were scheduled to discuss the conference theme, "Living Together." Panelists included Dr. Crockett, C. A. Howze of Birmingham, Miss Octavia Dixon of Tuscaloosa and Rufus B. DeWitt of Mobile.

William C. Chandler, general secretary of the Montgomery YMCA was scheduled to address the closing session Saturday. Other speakers listed included Dunbar Reed of Atlanta, who will install the newly elected officers; Dr. V. E. Daniel, dean of the Graduate Division of Alabama State College.

The conference is under the direction of Henry Spears, executive secretary of the Montgomery Branch YMCA. W. H. Coston, principal of the laboratory school of the college is supervising the social affairs.

Trentonians riled over jim-crow 'Y'

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TRENTON, N.J. — 'I urge every Trentonian to go out and buy a New Jersey AFRO-AMERICAN.

"Every Trentonian should read the front page story by Deane Goad about the benefit dance held a week ago for the Carver Center YMCA."

This unsolicited plug for the AFRO was made by George L. Bannister, popular local radio disc jockey, on his regular Sunday morning program.

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IF YOU had any doubt about Bannister's popularity and the type of audience his program reaches, you should have tried to buy a copy of the AFRO here after his broadcast Sunday.

There weren't any to be had.

In carrying out my duties as the AFRO's correspondent for this area, I reported last week on Bannister's criticism of colored leaders (he referred to them as the "400's") who tried to keep the benefit dance for the Carver "Y" from being a success.

Because I attended the dance in person, I included my personal observations of the behaviour of the teenagers who were present, and my analysis of the main core of the feud between Bannister and the leaders he criticized in my story.

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BANNISTER praised me for giving AFRO readers both sides of the story, as every responsible reporter should.

And nearly all of those who read the story told me that the position I took was the proper one.

But while I am very grateful for the big plug Bannister gave the AFRO, and for his commendation to me personally, I can't go along with him on his line of reasoning.

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HE MADE no attempt to tell his radio listeners about the real issue in the controversy.

And there is an issue—a grave one, a moral one.

The majority of the public was shocked when they learned that the publicized Charity Jamboree Extravangaza for the Carver Center YMCA was being sponsored by Bannister and the Trenton Beverage Co., which advertises a beer known by its three-ring trade mark.

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SOUVENIRS with this trade mark were passed out to those who attended the dance.

Look at it any way you want, and you'll come to the conclusion that there is something wrong about our minority leadership in Trenton.

Trentonians have gone along with the rest of the world in praising the gallant stand that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and other officials of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott have taken in their bid for the preservation of human dignity and respect for the human personality.

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TRENTONIANS have given splendid financial support to the Montgomery Improvement Association which is directing the bus boycott.

In one of the greatest civil rights rallies ever sponsored in this city by the NAACP Branch earlier this year at Shiloh Baptist Church, Trentonians of both races, donated over $1,000 to the heroes of Montgomery.

I believe Mr. Bannister is on record as supporting the Alabama boycott.

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AND SCORES of white citizens, including political and religious leaders have joined in acclaiming the colored citizens of Montgomery for their valiant stand against bus segregation.

Mayor Donal Connelly and the City Council unanimously, adopted a resolution praising Dr. King and his aides and condemning segregation in Alabama.

Now—can these political, Christian and civic leaders of both races in Trenton explain why the are so loud in condeming racial segregation in Alabama, yet condone and help to foster it here through the segregated Carver YMCA?

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IF SOME of our most respected, best trained, most influential leaders are willing to serve on the Board of Management of the segregated Carver YMCA, aren't they, by their leadership and financial support, fostering the very thing they condemn in Alabama?

If the children who use the facilities of the Carver YCCA are branded by their parents as second-class citizens, won't they grow up and think and act in terms of second-class citizens?

And I can't absolve myself for I, too, carry a membership card of the Carver YMCA. Am I not, therefore, as guilty of condoning segregation as are the members of the Board of Management?

IN A way, I feel even more guilty than the rest, because I have known ever since I came to Trenton five years ago that the Carter YMCA is segregated, yet I remained silent for fear of offending our "leaders."

I am not criticizing anyone. I know that most of our leaders are people of good will. I respect their achievements and their positions.

Citizens consult lawyer on 'Y' feud

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
Sat, 11-3-54

PLAINFIELD — "The Citizens Committee is looking for the new day in human relations.

"The people of Plainfield want Moorland. (The West End Branch destroyed by fire two years ago which YMCA officials originally decided to house in a new building, but cancelled the plans when the NAACP protested.)

"Human rights and equality of opportunity do not mean that a 'Y' Branch frequented by a majority of colored persons should be closed, and

"That the colored people be persuaded to go to a 'Y' in another section because most of the members there are white.

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"THIS TYPE of thing does not make for any better human relations, nor does it make the 'Y' program any more Christian.

"The Citizens Committee is also wondering why many more of the whites who live around the Moorland Branch when it was built, would not be interested in going there.

"We believe they will."

This rebuttal to official statements by YMCA officials which appeared in last week's N.J. AFRO-AMERICAN, explaining their side of the controversy over their decision not to build a new West End Branch, was made Sunday by the Citizens Committee.

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SPEAKING AS the Committee's chairman, Mrs. Adele M. Brown, prominent businesswoman and civic leader, told the AFRO further:

"The people of Plainfield are not interested in whether Mr. Maurice W. Taylor, general secretary, thinks the West End Branch is segregated or not.

"Moorland was integrated before the fire, and there were two white members on its Board of Management, and also white children in the classes, white teachers in the building, and white children also in the Day Camp program.

"Mr. Taylor even outlined, in the beginning how they were planning to direct the physical program from Moorland for the whole 'Y' setup."

THE CONTROVERSY, as the Rev. John W. Johnson, speaking also for the Citizens Committee, told the AFRO two weeks ago, may be made the subject of a unique court litigation.

Mrs. Brown informed the AFRO Saturday night that the Committee was meeting to discuss what their next move would be, and had requested Robert S. Hartgrove of Jersey City one of the state's ablest lawyers, to represent them.

Mr. Hartgrove, the first colored lawyer to be appointed as a deputy attorney general in the state, confirmed that he had been retained by the Citizens Committee when reached at his home Sunday by the AFRO.

"I am meeting with the Citizens Committee on Tuesday," he added.

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REPLYING TO other statements made to the AFRO last week by YMCA officials, Mrs. Brown declared:

"The donors (to the building fund) have not expressed, as Mr. Taylor would have the public to think, the desire to subscribe to the new plans, because they have not been notified of the change.

"We know it to be a fact that many donors have requested their money back, but have not received it.

"And they have been told if it is returned a certain portion will be taken out.

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"IN PLAINFIELD, the YMCA Branch closed, they say, for the sake of integration, but today the interest of the colored people in YMCA work is dead.

(Editor's note: A Branch of the YWCA in the West End was closed some years ago, automatically integrating the Central Branch).

"The women and girls (in the West End) just don't go uptown.

"The same will be true of the YMCA.

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"IT IS JUST as important to integrate whites into a mostly colored 'Y' activity as to integrate colored people into a mostly white activity, especially when the need is so great.

"Furthermore, all of the Moorland activities, since the fire, have been at the Central 'Y' for over a year, and only a handful of boys have ever attended.

"Also, we feel that the extension program that Forrester Lee (formerly executive secretary at Moorland Branch, now associate general secretary) is planning to conduct, will be more segregated than any program in a 'Y' building has ever been.

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"HOW CAN Charles F. Walz, president of the YMCA board of directors, say that the Rev. Mr. Johnson was not a contributor to the building fund?

"Immediately on coming to Plainfield, he was asked to become a member of the Moorland Branch committee of management.

"When the Branch sponsored a benefit concert for the building fund, featuring Marian Anderson, Rev. Johnson served on the special committee for soliciting patrons, and he and his wife were patrons themselves.

"When the Moorland Branch building burned down, Rev. Johnson offered his church facilities for the use of its activities without any cost to the 'Y'.

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"WE FEEL that Rev. Johnson and the church he pastors, Mt. Zion AME, have made great contributions to the 'Y' and its building program in the last 18 months."

Explaining the main purpose of the Citizens Committee in pushing the fight to make the YMCA officials reverse their decision not to build a new Branch in the West End, Mrs. Brown told the AFRO:

"It is not the aim of the Citizens Committee to attack or assault the character or good standing of individuals in the community.

"We are interested in the greatest good for the greatest number of people in a community where the need is the greatest."

N.J. NAACP calls YMCA segregated

By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

PLAINFIELD — "Since the trend throughout the nation is to eliminate every vestige of segregation, we feel that such a building would not be in keeping with our democratic way of life.

"We, therefore, voice our opposition to what we feel is a jim-crow institution in our fair city.

"Recognizing as we do your right to build, we also recognize the right of our people to refuse to occupy such a building, and to this end we stand dedicated."

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THIS SURPRISE attack upon the plans to construct a new $300,000-plus building for the Westend Moorland Branch YMCA, by the local NAACP branch, fell like a bombshell upon leaders of both races last week.

The attack was contained in a letter sent to the Central YMCA officials by the NAACP board of directors signed by Mrs. Eva B. Fields, president, and Mrs. Thelma Harris, secretary.

Two years ago, YMCA officials launched a citywide interracial campaign for $500,000 of which $350,000 go toward a new building for the Moorland Branch, and $150,000 toward renovation of the Central Branch.

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LAST FALL, fire destroyed the old building, formerly Hope Chapel, an historic landmark, occupied by the Moorland Branch.

The NAACP board of directors has called a meeting for mid-week, at which session they will implement their position and discuss a reply to the charges by the YMCA officials in a press release.

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MAURICE W. TAYLOR, executive secretary of the Central YMCA, labeled the NAACP's charges as misleading.

"Colored people are represented in every phase of Y activities," he declared.

"The only purpose in rebuilding the Moorland Branch was to provide convenient facilities for residents in that vicinity."

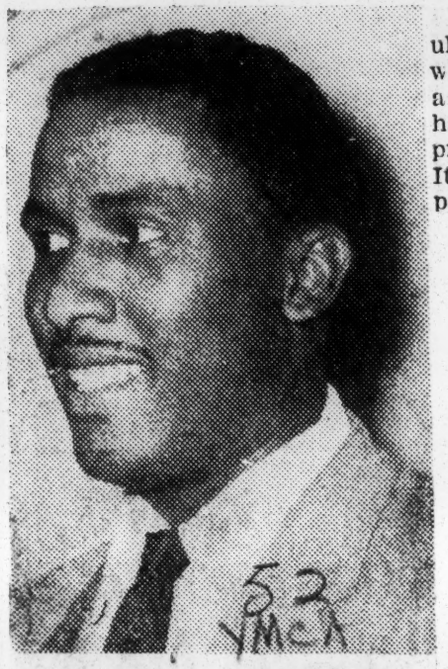
Receives Certification

JAMES F. DIXON

At the 22nd annual meeting of the North Central Area Council of Young Men's Christian Associations held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in April, James F. Dixon, executive secretary of Crocker Branch YMCA, was one of nineteen secretaries to be advanced from junior secretary of full professional status as secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Board of Certification of the National Council of YMCA's grant certification only upon evidence that an individual has completed thirty semester hours of professional training, over and above an A.B. degree, and has served a two-year period as a junior secretary.

Dixon, a 1952 graduate of Drake University, took his advanced work at Drake and George Williams College. Married to the former Betty June Hayes, the Dixons reside at 1023 13th street, with their two-year-old daughter, Tracie Lynne.



THOMAS B. HARGRAVES

Named To New Post In YMCA

KONXVILLE, Tenn. — Thomas B. Hargraves, 1951 graduate of Knoxville College and former executive secretary of the Chestnut Street Branch YMCA, Portsmouth, Va., visited his alma mater on July 20 while enroute to his new post as associate student secretary on the Southern Area YMCA Council staff with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

Young Hargraves is the husband of the former Miss Geraldine Harden of Knoxville. They have three children, Barbara Ann 5; Thomas II 3, and Edward Wesley, 2.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hargraves who are formerly of Knoxville but are now living in Norfolk County, Va. Rev. Hargraves is working with the Northern United Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth. Mrs. Hargrave, a reading specialist, is teaching in the Norfolk County public school system. She is a graduate of Knoxville College too. The YMCA worker's sister, Mrs. Aulando H. Chambers, is practing law in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Hargraves will be working primarily with college YMCA's in ten Southern states. Since Tennessee is one of these states, KC is on his working list. He feels that a successful YMCA workshop can be held at his alma mater.

"Many times YMCA's aren't popular because students don't know what they are all about. Actually, a student "Y" is an association that handles projects handed down in programs of the National Council It is not just a club,' Mr. Hargraves pointed out.

Butler YMCA Boarding Camp Boys To Leave Wednesday

The first group of Boarding Camp boys will leave the building at 22 Butler Street, N. E., Wednesday, July 11 at 8:30 a. m. by chartered bus. Approximately 60 boys are enrolled for the first period all of whom will have had complete physical examinations.

All campers who have not yet been examined are scheduled to have their examinations tomorrow (Monday) at 12:30 p. m. Mr. J. D. Winston, Boys Work Secretary will be in charge of Boarding Camp and will leave with the boys and in addition, a picked staff of counselors including two swimming instructors and life guards will be on duty.

All campers who have not been enrolled their boys are urged to call the YMCA immediately (JAckson 4-0246) as there are places for about 15 more boys for the first period which will begin Wednesday, July 11. Parents may enroll their boys for a week, two weeks or more. The Second Period will begin Wednesday, July 18 and the third period, which is reserved for Westside Day Camp Boys, will begin July 25. Mr. A. L. Watson, director of the Westside Day Camp, will accompany this group to camp during the third period. As there are only a few places remaining in each of the periods, parents are again urged to contact the YMCA Camp Office if they are interested in their boys having a Boarding Camp Experience.

The kitchen and dining room will be under the direction of Tom Sessions of Emory University and the boys will be served balanced diets with plenty of food. In addition, Devotion and Bible Study Classes will be held daily and special counselors wil handle boys who have particular problems that the parents have indicated they would like to have worked with while the boy is in Boarding Camp.

All parents of Atlanta are again urged to investigate the possibility of sending their boys to camp as Boarding Camp is a vital part of the life of a boy. Parents also are urged to enroll their boys during the periods when they (the parents) are planning a vacation and want to feel that their boys are receiving the best type of supervision so that they (the parents) can go away feeling relaxed knowing that their boys are in good hands. For further information, please call the Butler Street YMCA —JAckson 4-0246 and have a trained counselor contact you at your home to arrange registration or other details.

YMCA votes 'Jim Crow' approval

Board rejects motion

By LARRY STILL

WASHINGTON

"Resolve that the Young Men's Christian Association begin complete Christian practices by eliminating all discrimination and segregation from all activities and facilities of this organization, effective Christmas Day."

An attempt by members of the board of the 12th St. Branch YMCA to have the District YMCA adopt this resolution was defeated, Monday, following a bitter floor fight at the annual membership meeting, 1736 G St., NW.

The no-holds-barred debate among the approximately 200 YMCA members was touched off at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Edward C. Mazique, chairman of the interracial committee of the 12th St. branch.

DR. MAZIQUE presented the resolution. Phinneas Indritz, attorney, moved for adoption of the proposal. Leslie Perry, seconded the motion.

Lewis T. Breuninger, the District YMCA's retiring president, refused to accept the motion. He said it was out of order since the membership did not have the authority to change the policy of the organization.

Mr. Indritz appealed the ruling of the president, declaring: "Integration is not the issue here. It is the democratic process."

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AFTER ALMOST an hour's debate, Mr. Breuninger agreed to allow the membership to vote on an appeal of his ruling. The president was supported overwhelmingly as the representatives voted almost solidly along racial lines.

Dr. Mazique's speech for immediate enactment of "true Christian practice in this Christ-like season" followed a plea for "harmony and restraint" by the president and other officials of the city-wide board.

"We are glad to see our colored brethren out in such numbers," he told the approximately 20 members from the 12th St. branch who attended the session in the assembly hall of the downtown central branch.

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"WE WANT you to know you are welcome here—we hope we will work together in a spirit of understanding and goodwill—toward our common objective—in the true Christian way" Mr. Breuninger said at the beginning of the meeting.

After announcing that James E. Scott, real estate dealer, 700 block Florida Ave., NW, had been elected to the 21-man board of directors, Mr. Breuninger gave Dr. Mazique permission to speak.

"I must inform you that this membership body cannot change any policy. According to the by-laws, only the board of directors has that authority," the president said as Dr. Mazique took the floor.

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THE PHYSICIAN compared segregation to a disease which could be cured by an operation in which either anesthesia or the sharp guillotine process is used to eliminate pain.

"We urge the guilliotine process here because the pain will be sharp and short," Dr. Mazique said.

He was followed with remarks by Mr. Indritz, Mr. Perry, the president of D.C. NAACP; George Weaver, union leader, George Parks, attorney; Belford Lawson, attorney and George Fleming, insurance executive, who heatedly told the YMCA executives:

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"I GIVE thousands of dollars to this organization each year through the United Givers Fund, and I am ashamed of you.

"If you can't do something about this matter, I am going to announce publicly my resignation and urge that the organization be eliminated from the United Givers Fund."

Mr. Lawson took the floor amidst the debate to urge withdrawal of the appeal from the president's ruling.

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"I DON'T think we can win now—but I want the board to know we are serious about this matter, Mr. President.

"We can't continue to get support from our community for a segregated YMCA. We feel a Christian organization ought to begin to catch up with the schools and restaurants."

Mr. Breuninger promised to personally see that Dr. Mazique's resolution was referred to the YMCA board's interracial committee for immediate action, but members protested that the board had been discussing the subject nine years.

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THE NAACP president took the floor at one point in the debate to declare:

"I am disturbed by the ruling of the chair. An appeal can never be ruled out of order. I suggest that the president reconsider his ruling."

"I know what you are disturbed about, Mr. Brueninger declared hastily and then added:

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"IF IT IS the ruling, I suggest we hear from our legal counsel."

The president asked James T. Wilkes, attorney for the organization to ready Article five, Section One, stating that all matters of finance and policy be referred to the board of directors.

"Even if the membership voted unanimously to consider the resolution, it would not be binding on the board," the president declared.

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"WHY CAN'T the membership vote to have this board consider the resolution just as a suggestion to get the sentiment of the membership?" one unidentified white member asked.

"It would not have any effect," Mr. Breuninger answered.

"You're dealing with legalisms, Mr. President. Either you are going to be a Christian organization in the nation's capital or you are not going to be," Mr. Perry shouted from the floor.

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"THERE APPEARS to be a feeling that I should allow the body to vote on whether to appeal my ruling on the resolution," Mr. Breuninger said.

—"All those in favor of supporting the president's ruling raise their hands.

The majority of the 108 white members raised their hands.

"All those opposed to the president's ruling raise their hands."

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ALL OF the colored members and approximately 10 white members raised their hands.

"We knew we would lose. We just wanted to see where they stood," Mr. Perry said quietly.

"We just set the YMCA back 10 years," said a white member who had voted with the 12th St. branch representatives.

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"IT WAS A tough question," said another as the members began leaving. Several other white members shook their heads in apparent dismay.

"I promise you I will refer this matter to the board of directors immediately," Mr. Breuninger said after motion for adjournment.

The board then met and elected Judge Benjamin Littleton, the new president. Judge Littleton has been chairman of the Central branch's interracial committee which has only met twice in the past ten months on the integration issue.

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MR. BREUNINGER said Mr. Scott was not the first colored member elected to the board. Dr. William O. Clayton, dentist, formerly served on the board after being selected by the white board members.

Other colored members of the board have been representatives from the 12th St. Branch YMCA. Colored and white members of the branch may inter-change facilities, but the Central branch does not accept new membership from colored residents or transients.

The shame and chagrin of the YMCA

WASHINGTON

The men who shape the racial policy of the Central Branch YMCA, this week, draped about the organization an inglorious shroud of shame and disgrace.

By voting to continue the YMCA's odorous practice of being an institution part segregated, part integrated, the policy shapers made a mockery of the organization's most basic principle.

The initials "YMCA" stand for Young Men's Christian Association.

As a result of the beggarly position the majority of the members embraced Monday afternoon, there is ample evidence to support the contention that the organization is not concerned about young men.

Rather, there is reason to believe it is more interested in preserving the ugly and antiquated prejudices of old men who resist change.

One thing is certain, the Central Branch YMCA is no longer a Christian organization.

In rejecting the basic morality of Christianity, the Brotherhood of man, the YMCA of the nation's capital advertises itself to the world as being most un-

Consider the background of the issue.

Recent history of the effort to desegregate the Central Branch of the YMCA, District of Columbia, dates from Dec. 7, 1947, nine years ago.

On that date John R. Pinkett resigned from the board of directors in protest of a vote to maintain the policy of racial segregation in the Y's coffee shop.

The pro-segregation vote—then as now—was contradictory to the overall policy of National Council of YMCAs, the International Convention and the Central Atlantic Area Council.

As early as 1931 the 43rd International Convention of YMCAs urged "all Associations to take definite steps toward the goal of making possible full participation in Association program without discrimination."

As a gesture in this direction, the president of the local board appointed a Metropolitan Interracial Committee.

A year later, May, 1953, the committee recommended abolition of racial discrimination in YMCA activities. A similar effort was made in 1954. But the committee's pleas and admonitions went unanswered.

Today, despite the changes in patterns of racial practices which have occurred since 1954, the policy of Central Branch YMCA—in essence—remains what it was a quarter of a century ago.

In the District, there is no policy of racial segregation in public or parochial schools.

Intergration is the policy in playgrounds, golf courses, tennis courts, parks, theatres, hotels, restaurants, movies, churches and even professional sports.

Only the YMCA, a so-called Christian organization, undertakes to remain an island of racial separation in a rising tide of racial understanding and goodwill.

This is the tragedy of the vote, Monday, which upheld the ruling that it is "out of order" even for the membership to discuss the question of racial segregation within the YMCA.

It is understood that the question now is being weighed by the board of directors which is due to report its recommendations on Jan. 28.

We anxiously await the board's decision. We prayerfully hope it will rescue the organization from the decadent mire of shame and intolerance and, thereby, redeem its impaired dignity and lost Christianity.

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YM Movement

Norfolk's Branch Was 1st In South For Colored Men

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Mr. Hunton, Pioneer In The YM Movement In The Nation Was First "Exec" Here; Bright Future Ahead As Hunton Branch Moves Into 'A New Era'

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: As the 1956 observance of YMCA Week comes to an end, the Journal and Guide presents this feature on the YM movement in the City of Norfolk. Even though the feature, by Guide staff writer Pete Bradby, refers only to the men who have served as executive secretary of the local YMCA branch through the years, the Guide realizes that without the efforts of the city's citizenry as a whole, the efforts of those in charge would have been futile. Horace G. Christopher, current 'exec' at the Hunton Branch YMCA sums it up, saying: "What the Hunton branch is, the people of Norfolk—all of them—have made it".).

Young Men's Christian Association
Ottawa, 12th Jan'y. 1888

Dear Mr. Hunton,

The Board desire(s) to convey to you their regret at your removal from their midst. They wish to place on record their appreciation of your ability, self-denial, and perseverance, in your labor of love, on behalf of the boys, as well as your kind assistance in many of the projects which the Board saw fit to devise. They would convey at same time their earnest wish that you may be used of God in your new field, as you have been in Ottawa. They will always look upon your work with interest, as you have won their affections.

Yours sincerely,
James Gibson, President

That letter tells of Canada's loss and America's gain when the spirit and influences of a Canadian were transplanted in Norfolk, the first laboratory for the Young Mens Christian Association among colored men in the South.

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WILLIAM ALPHAEUS Hunton, who was born at Chatham, Canada, in 1863, was the first Negro employed as a YMCA secretary. He was the son of Stanton Hunton, one of the few persons confided in by John Brown in planning the Harper's Ferry attack.

Hunton became a public school teacher in 1883. Two years later he entered government service at Ottawa and then came to Norfolk in 1888. In 1891, he became the first colored secretary on the staff of International Committee of YMCA's.

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WHEN CUPID called in 1893, he and Addie W. Hunton were married in Norfolk. She wrote "A Pioneer Prophet of Young Men", a book of the life's work of her husband. An author himself, Mr. Hunton had written a widely circulated pamphlet, "First Steps," the year before marriage.

Highlights In Life

Other highlights of the pioneer's life included: attending the YMCA Golden Jubilee convention in London, England, in 1894; work among soldiers in Army camps during the Spanish American War; attendance at World's Student Christian Conference in Tokyo in 1907, and serving as colored delegation leader to World's Student Christian Federation Conference at Lake Mohonk, N. Y. in 1913.

H. G. CHRISTOPHER
'You've All Helped'

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ILLNESS STRUCK in 1914 as the spirited leader was preparing for a Negro Student Congress. The sick man, who had fought untiringly to the end, made his home at Saranac Lake, N. Y. He died in Brooklyn in 1916.

His wife's 1938 publication is dedicated "To the many young men who knew Mr. Hunton's influence so well in the past and to the many more young men who will continue to feel it in the future." That dedication means that Hunton forever lives, in spirit, in hearts, and minds, and work of young men who will allow themselves his influence.

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THE FIRST Hunton Branch YMCA was at 585 Fox Lane at Church street, across from its present site. Then, 440 Brambleton avenue became the YMCA home site.. Then the YMCA moved to the Tents Hall on Church street and back to the Brambleton location, where it stayed until the Redevelopment and Housing program forced the YMCA to move back to where it started from.

C. C. Dogan Arrives

C. C. Dogan took over the administration reins in 1890 and served until 1922. He constructed the new building on Brambleton avenue. A strong believer in home ownership as a means for Negroes to get an economical foothold. Mr. Dogan became secretary of the Norfolk Building and Loan Association.

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A NATIVE OF Spartanburg county, S. C., Mr. Dogan was a graduate of Claflin University at Orangeburg. He came to Norfolk in his early 20's while on his way to Boston for "Y" work. He made it to Boston 15 years later.

After Mr. Hunton persuaded him to take over here, Mr. Dogan became affiliated with St. John AME Church, where he was a steward and Sunday school teacher through the years.

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HE WAS MARRIED to the late Lucy B. Cotton of Norfolk. To that union was born four children: Mrs. Velma D. Hood of Washington, D. C.; Charles C. Dogan Jr., of NYC; W. P. Dogan, Norfolk postal worker, and Dr. Alma D. Johnson of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Anderson Enters

J. W. Anderson was YMCA's executive secretary from 1928 to 1939. A native of Alabama, he lives at 1802 Goode avenue. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University, of Ohio, and Yale universities. Before taking over the "Y", Mr. Anderson was a mathematics teacher at St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, Lawrenceville, Va.

He has two daughters, Mrs. A. P. Layton, public school teacher of Muskegon, Mich., and Mrs. Ruth L. Nash, a secretary in the War Department in Washington, D. C., and a son, Sfc. Kenneth V. Anderson, serving with the U. S. Army in France.

Incidentally, the late Mrs. Mary E. Anderson was a native of Chatham, Canada, also the home of William A. Hunton.

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MR. ANDERSON considers contacts a great asset for success. He recalls that many of his contacts were made through participation in YMCA activities and other athletic events. "Teachers saw what was in me," and while he was attending a tennis tournament in Pennsylvania, he said, Winston C. Douglas, principal at Booker T. Washington High School, contacted him for the YMCA job.

A Leader Born

In 1905, when William A. Hunton was declining, a new YMCA leader was born in Stephens, a farm town of Arkansas. Like the first "toiler" to make his way to Norfolk, an unexplained force seemed to have maneuvered him into his rightful place.

He was Horace G. Christopher, son of the late Robert B. and Amanda Christopher. Proudly, he says, "I worked my way through high school and college. My people were farmers and couldn't send me anything by mail but a cow."

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YOUNG HORACE set out to make a place for himself by first doing a four-year course at Shorter College in Arkansas in three years and a summer. He earned his tuition working as a barber.

Then he went to Washington, D. C. with the intention of entering Howard University. With no funds for tuition, etc., Mr. Christopher began work as desk clerk at the 12th Street YMCA. In this capacity ,he became interested in adult activities, organized the first 12th Street Activity department, and was made first secretary.

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A HARD WORKER, Mr. Christopher got a leave of absence to attend, Springfield, Mass. college where he finished a four-year social science course in three years. Returning to Washington in 1937, he became activity membership secretary. He was prompted to take the advanced training after being certified as a YMCA secretary after four years work as a desk clerk and activity secretary.

Norfolk Calls

"Norfolk calls," a soft voice must have said in 1940. And since then, he has been carrying forth the fight for a better YMCA, a better Norfolk, a stronger young man. Mr. Christopher makes his home at 2712 Beachmont avenue with his wife, the former Miss Alice Hill of Washington, D. C.

Look To Future

A spokesman for the current board of the Hunton Branch YM said: 'Through the years, the Norfolk YMCA movement among colored people has been led by dedicated men. From the time that Mr. Hunton arrived on the scene to begin his worthwhile work through the present day, the YM has advanced along with the men who have headed it as executive secretary.

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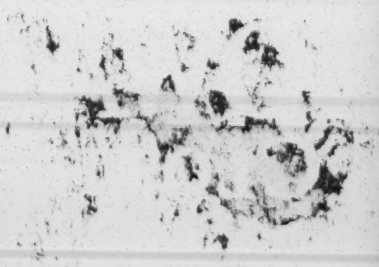
"THE HUNTON Branch Y now stands on the threshold of its greatest era. The new home site will soon be occupied and the program expanded even more.

"Norfolk should feel proud, indeed to have utilized the services of such men as Messrs Hunton, Dogan and Anderson. We know that the city is proud to have Horace G. Christopher as its **YMCA executive secretary."**



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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Negroes in this city, despite outstanding trouble in the current bus situation, have raised $70,411 in a YMCA drive for a new building.

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This money comes exclusively from the Negroes of Montgomery to match money from the City Wide Campaign to build a new building which will cost $209,000. The city wide goal of $1,139,000 was passed when $1,142,000 was reported.

From this amount, four buildings will be built, one of these will serve Negroes. The top leadership in the Campaign was as follows: R. B. Binion, general chairman; Dr. H. Council Trenholm, chairman, Pattern Gifts; Mr. Rufus Lewis, chairmen, teams organization; Mr. L. M. Arrington, chairman, Committee of Management.

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Mr. Reed who has directed the effort in connection with the staff members of the Financial Service Bureau of the National Council of YMCA's stated that ae had never seen as splendid a community spirit as exists among the Negro people of Montgomery, Alabama. He also stated that large sums would continue to flow into the YMCA office for this project for the next few weeks although the Drive formally closed on schedule "over the top."

Memorial Services For Dr. John R. Mott Sunday January 29

National Board of YMCA'S In United States To Pay Tribute To Great Christian Statesman

The National Baptist Union-Review received the following letter and information from Mr. Cleveland E. Dodge, Chairman of the Executive Committee of The John R. Mott Fellowship Fund:

Dear Friend:

On Sunday, January 29th the National Board of YMCA'S in the United States will pay tribute to a great Christian statesman and world leader, Dr. John R. Mott, on the first anniversary of his death (January 31, 1955). Local memorial observances will be conducted in many cities of the country on or about that date. Perhaps you would want to join in this nationwide observance through your ministry.

Dr. Mott was a YMCA Secretary whose unique leadership and influence were shared by many Christian bodies. A follower of Jesus Christ and unsurpasssed leader of men, he lived by the text of his life, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

The powerful influence and contagious spirit of Dr. Mott were effective in inspiring all who came under his spell. For those of us who came in contact with him when we were young men, we realized what a strong influence he exerted in our lives.

Besides his great contribution to the YMCA Movement in North America, Dr. Mott was chiefly responsible for the development of our World Service Work. Few other men have traveled so untiringly or made so many friends in all parts of the world. He was the greatest Christian statesman of his time. He extenled our vision to the end of the earth and deepened our sense of world mission. As Bishop Oxnam has said, "He thought in world terms. His ideas became institutions, such as the World Council of Churches, the International Missionary Council, and the World's Student Christian Federation. He was a member of the Methodist Church but in truth he belonged to all churches. He was a man who counselled presidents and kings in the name of the King of Kings."

The Young Men's Christian Association will announce on January 29th the launching of a fitting, living memorial--The John R. Mott Fellowship Fund--dedicated to training Christian leaders for our Movement at home and abroad. The earnings of this fund will provide educational assistance for carefully selected John R. Mott Fellows.

This consecrated life can well be held up as an example to all men and we hope that you will want to do so through your ministry.

Sincerely,
Cleveland E. Dodge, Chairman

The Executive Committee of The John R. Mott Fellowship Fund

For John R. Mott Memorial Observance

(The following may be used as source material in preparing a sermon or memorial remarks)

At the age of 14 John R. Mott was converted under the influence of a Quaker evangelist, the State YMCA Secretary of Iowa.

Student religious leader of two college campuses, a charter member of the student YMCA at Upper Iowa College and president of the Cornell University Christian Association.

Founding member of the Student Volunteer Movement, one of the 100 who, at the Mt. Hermon Conference of 1896, agreed to serve on mission fields.

In 1888 he became Student Sec. of the International Committee of YMCA's. For 17 years his leadership in this intercollegiate Christian Movement and his evangelistic accomplishments were of "multiplying signifigance." His only vocation was YMCA Secretaryship.

In 1895 he founded the World's Student Christian Federation and was successively its General Secretary, Chairman and Honorary Chairman for the next sixty years.

Secretary of the Foreign Department of the International Committee of YMCA's beginning in 1898; Associate General Secretary for Foreign Work beginning in 1901; General Secretary of the International Committee from 1915 to 1928; he was until death a member of the International Committee.

His world tours of 1895, 1901, 1912 and 1928 and his missionary journeys to many lands made him a citizen of the world, an ecumenical statesman "whose ideas became institutions."

As General Secretary of the National War Work Council, he received the United States Distinguished Service Medal and was decorated by fifteen governments. He was appointed by Woodrow Wilson on the Root Mission to Moscow and the Mexican - American Joint Committee. He was Chairman of War Prisoners' Aid in World War 11.

Honored with the Prince Carl Prize in 1945 and the Nobel Peace Prize award in 1946, he was counselor of kings and presidents and a bearer of peaceful tidings to all people.

Chairman Emeritus of the International Missionary Council; Honorary President of the World's Alliance of YMCA's and the World Council of Churches; elder statesman of the YMCA and revered leader of other international and ecumenical bodies. Dr. Mott, although a Methodist, "belonged to the Church Universal, the Body of Christ . . . The Young Men's Christian Association was his first love because it was his spiritual parent, but with that as a fulcrum and Christ-like love as a lever, he helped to 'lift the world'."

His influence was nowhere more felt than in his ability to select men for tasks of the Kingdom, train them and send them out as his responsible colleagues. He said, "He serves most who trains the leaders."

There will be memorials in stone and metal and stained glass; buildings may carry his name over their portals, but there can be no greater tribute to John R. Mott than living memorials in the lives of men who will follow in his train as Apostles of Jesus Christ and leaders of men. The John R. Mott Fellowship Fund, a permanent Fund of at least $1,000,000 now being raised by the YMCA's of the United States, will provide such living memorials.

"The John R. Mott Fellows" will be selected for graduate training each year on the basis of their Christian commitment, qualities of mind and demonstrated capacity for leadership with men and boys in, through and beyond the Young Men's Christian Association.

If hymns and music are to be used in the memorial observance, the following are suggested:

Meditative prelude, portions of great hymns of the Church. Hymns, "Onward Christian Soldiers," "For All the Saints who from their Labors Rest. . . ." and "The Church's One Foundation." Postlude, "The Hallelujah Chorus" (The Messiah), Handel.

(Gifts to The John R. Mott Fellowship Fund can be made to any Young Men's Christian Association or to the "National Board of YMCA's" at the address below.)

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